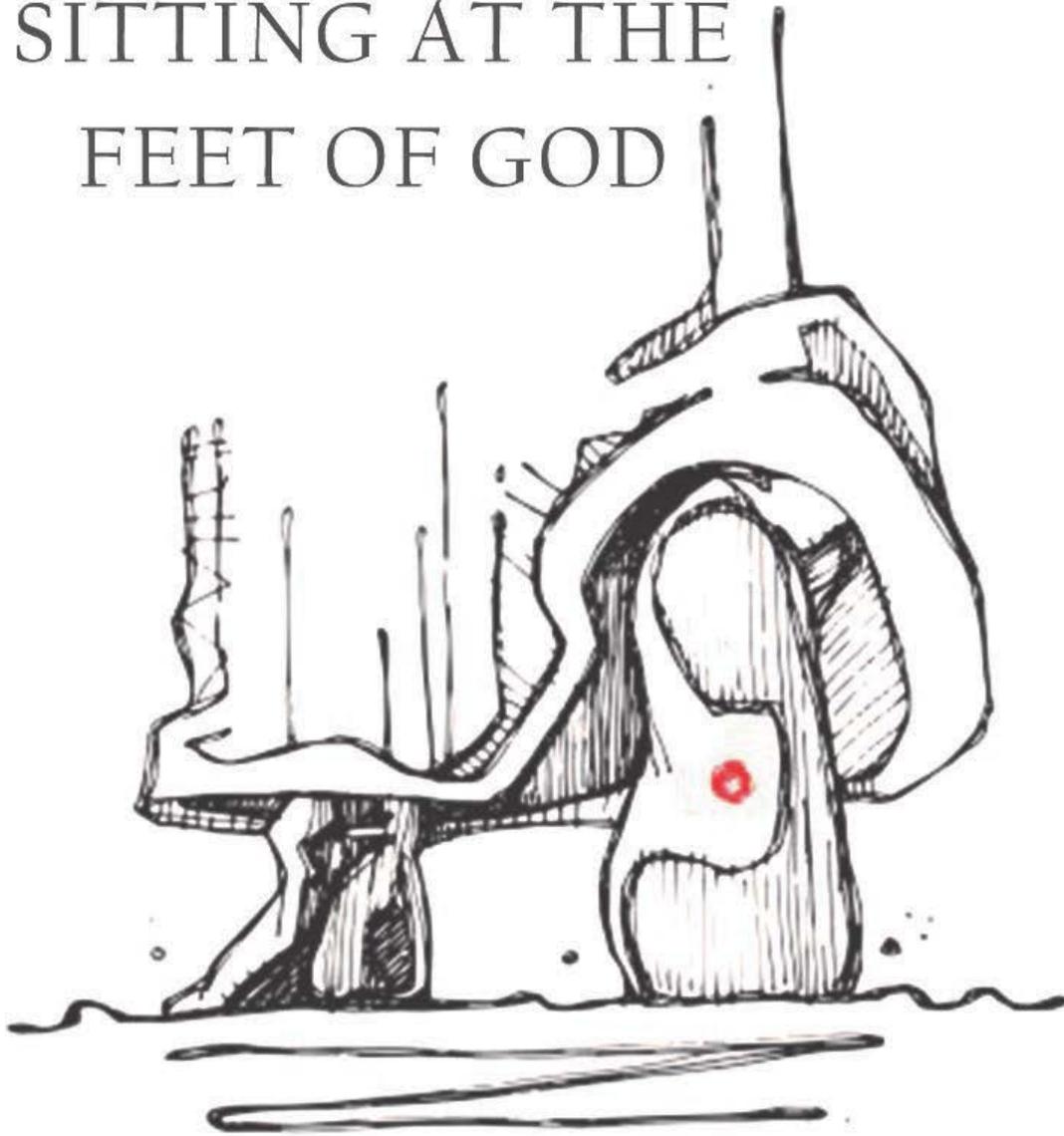


# SITTING AT THE FEET OF GOD



*Lessons from Jesus' Life and Ministry*



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 27, 2020  
Calvary Lutheran Church

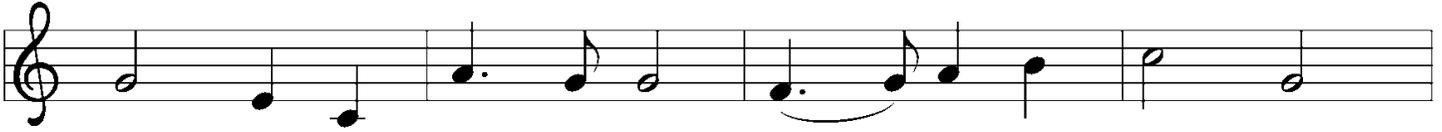
# + THE GATHERING +

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

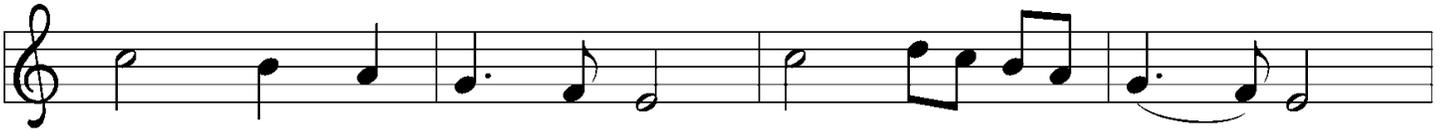
*Come, Ye Disconsolate*



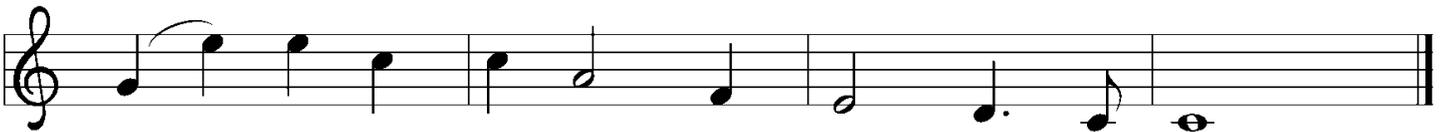
1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;  
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,  
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.  
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;  
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;  
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.  
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."  
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779–1852, sts. 1–2; Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, st. 3  
Music: CONSOLATOR, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740–1816

## INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19)

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination, please kneel or be seated)*

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through (+) Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

God of love, give or life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD+

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike

### THE FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

The First Reading is from Ezekiel, the eighteenth chapter.

**1** The word of the LORD came to me: **2** "What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: " 'The parents eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? **3** "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. **4** For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die. **25** "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? **26** If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. **27** But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. **28** Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. **29** Yet the Israelites say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.'

Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust? **30** "Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. **31** Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? **32** For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25**

*To You Oh Lord – Marty Haugen*

*Refrain/Congregation*

To you, O Lord. I lift my  
soul, to you, I lift my soul.

*Verses/Cantor*

Lord, make me know your ways,  
Teach me your paths,  
And keep me in the way of your truth,  
For you are God, my Savior. *Refrain*

For the Lord is good and righteous,  
Revealing his way to those who seek him,  
Gently leading the poor and humble. *Refrain*

To the ones who seek the Lord,  
Who look to his word, who live his love,  
He will always be near,  
He will show them his mercy. *Refrain*

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## THE SECOND READING

## Philippians 2:1-13

The Second Reading is from Philippians, the second chapter.

**1** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. **5** In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; **7** rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! **9** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **12** Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, **13** for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel is from Saint Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**23** Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

**24** Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. **25** John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?" They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' **26** But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet." **27** So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. **28** "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' **29** " 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. **30** "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. **31** "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. **32** For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not

believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

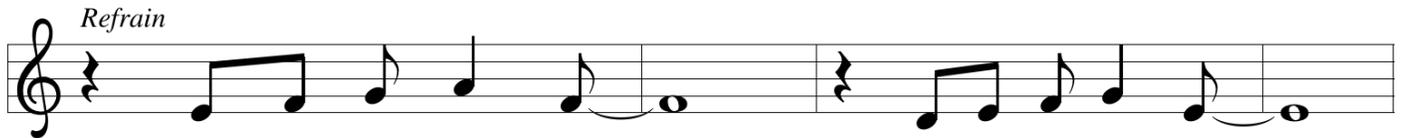
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

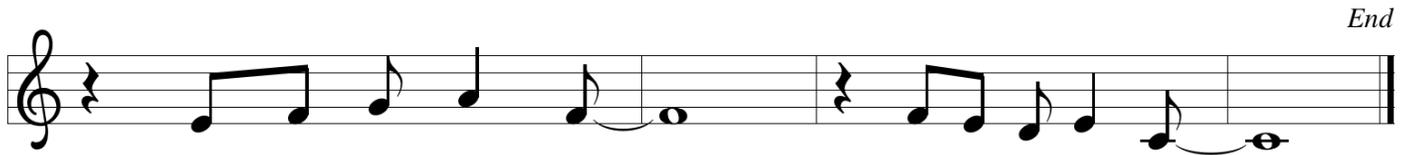
Pastor Middaugh

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Change My Heart, O God*



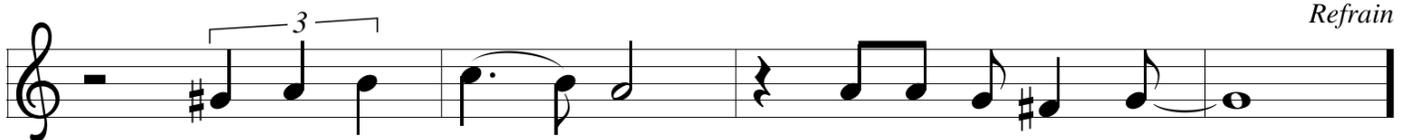
Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953  
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa  
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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**(congregation may kneel or stand during prayers)**

**P: Lord, in Your mercy . . .**

**C: hear our prayer.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:**

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF OUR LORD**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **+ THE DISTRIBUTION +**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **+ SENDING +**

## **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else

in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: God, the creator + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



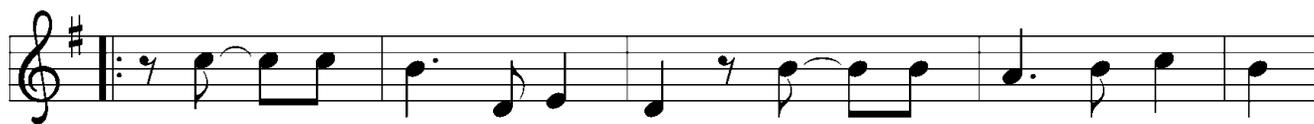
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African  
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## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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Reverend Michael Middaugh

### **Minister of Music**

Brian Priebe

### **Organist/Pianist**

Toku Kawata

### **Drums**

Paul Maxfield

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